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HYBRID TEA ROSE PLANT NAMED 'WHY NOT CHERISE?'

5 CLASSIFICATION

The present invention relates to a new *Rosaceae* plant.

VARIETY DENOMINATION

The new plant has the varietal denomination 'WHY NOT
10 CHERISE?'.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a new and distinct variety
of rose plant of the hybrid tea rose of the genus *Rosaceae* which
15 was created by crossing as seed and pollen parents two (2)
unknown rose varieties. The varietal denomination of the new
variety is 'WHY NOT CHERISE?'.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

20 Among the novel characteristics possessed by this new
variety which distinguishes it from other varieties of which I
am aware, is its dark orange-red flowers.

25 Asexual reproduction by propagation by budding of the new
variety as performed in Wasco, California shows that the
foregoing and other distinguishing characteristics come true to
form and are established and transmitted through succeeding
propagations.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ILLUSTRATION

5 The accompanying illustration shows typical specimens of the flowers and foliage of the new variety depicted in color as nearly true as it is reasonably possible to make the same in a color illustration of this character.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY

5 The following is a detailed description of 2-year budded plants of the new variety, with color terminology in accordance with *The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart* (RHSCC). The terminology used in color description herein refers to plate numbers in the aforementioned color chart. Phenotypic expression may vary with light availability, environmental and cultural 10 conditions.

The following observations are made of specimens grown outdoors in Wasco, California, during the month of November budded on 'DR. HUEY' understock.

PLANT

15 Form: Upright
Growth: Very vigorous
Size: Height about 5 feet; width about 3 feet

20 Foliage
Size: Terminal leaflet length about 3 inches; width about 1 1/2 inches
Quantity: Usually 5 leaflet leaves, occasional 7 leaflet leaves

25 Color
New foliage: Upper side near 146B; under side near 182C
Mature
foliage: Upper side near 147A; under side near 147C

30 Shape: Elliptic
Texture: Upper side smooth, semi-glossy; under side matte

35 Edge: Serrated

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	Serration:	Serrate
5	Petioles:	Top surface color near 146B; Under side near 147C
	Stipules:	Medium
	Auricle:	Small, slightly serrated
	Rachis:	Smooth
10	WOOD	
	New shoots	
	Bark:	Smooth
	Wood:	Near 46A
15	Old wood	
	Bark:	Smooth
	Wood:	Near 137C
	Flowering stem:	Length about 18 inches
20	Winter Hardiness:	Completely winter hardy
	Resistance to Disease:	Fair
	Preferred growing conditions:	Full sun
	Growth habit:	Upright
25	Leaves per stem:	About 7
	Prickles/Thorns:	Dorsal shape, 1/4 to 3/16 inch length, near 145A
	FLOWER/INFLORESCENCE	
30	Blooming Habit:	Continuous
	Bud	About 1 1/2 inches long, 1 3/8 inches wide
	Form:	High centered

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	Color:	Before sepals divide color near 46B; when sepals first divide color near 47B; when petals begin to unfurl color near 47D
5	Sepals:	Usually 5 per bloom, length about 1 inch, width about 1/8 inch, color near 143A, usually about 3 extensions
10	Size:	Length in relation to bud about 1 3/8 inches
15	Color	Topside near 158A; bottom near 147B
	Peduncle	
	Length:	About 4 1/2 inches, smooth
	Strength:	Erect
20	Color:	Near 139D
	Flower	
	Size:	About 5 2/3 inches
	Borne:	Single
25	Form:	Very high centered
	Petalage:	About 42
	Petaloids in center:	Few; between 3 to 4, color near 57A
30	Persistence:	Petals do not drop
	Fragrance:	Medium
	Lasting Quality:	About 3 weeks on plant; about 7 days after cutting
	Color	

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	During first 2 days:	Inner petals at flower center topside near 46C; bottom near 46D; outer petals topside near 47D, bottom near 48C
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	Base of petals (Point of attachment):	Near 2A
10	General tonality from a distance:	Near 57B
	Color Change:	Fades slightly; after 3 or more days fades to near 49A
	Petals	
15	Texture:	Thick
	Shape:	Oblong, 1 3/4 inch long, 1 1/2 inch wide
	Arrangement:	Imbricated
20	Appearance:	Velvety front, satiny back
	REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS	
	Arrangement of stamens, Filaments and Anthers:	Regularly arranged around styles, usually about 110 anthers and filaments
25	Color:	Filaments near 48A; Anthers near 48C
	Pollen:	No pollen
	Styles:	Medium length; color near 47C
30	Hips/Seed Vessels/Ovaries	
	Shape:	Round
	Size:	Small; about 1/2 inch
	Color:	Near 140A
	Seeds:	No seeds
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I CLAIM:

5 A new and distinct Hybrid Tea Rose plant of the variety
substantially as shown and described.

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ABSTRACT

5 A new and distinct Hybrid Tea Rose plant variety with dark
orange-red flowers.

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